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In Re U.S. Patent Application

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Applicant: SCHUMACHER *et al.*

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For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR
DETERMINING THE ACTIVITY OF
ENZYMES IN LIQUIDS, OR THE
CONCENTRATION AND/OR ACTIVITY OF
INHIBITORS IN LIQUIDS

Examiner: W. Beisner

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

In the Specification

In the first paragraph please insert - This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/793,833, issued filed February 18, 1997.---

Please add the attached Abstract page.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-22, without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

1. ~~[(amended)]~~ A process for measuring enzyme activities in liquids[, which comprises] comprising withdrawing enzyme inhibitors, [that correspond] said enzyme inhibitors corresponding to at least one of the enzymes in the sample, adding a substrate to [a] the sample [manipulated in this manner,] so as to get cleavage products from the substrate by reacting with the enzyme, withdrawing said enzyme inhibitors by chromatography and detecting the